



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Reniero et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/936,543  
Conf. No.: 7133  
Filed: January 7, 2002  
Title: LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING  
DIARRHOEA  
Art Unit: 1651  
Examiner: D. Ware  
Docket No.: 112843-031

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

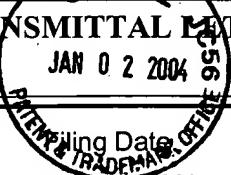
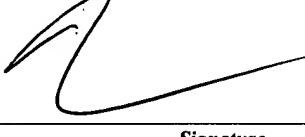
**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b> Applicant(s): Reniero et al. <span style="float: right;">JAN 02 2004</span>				Docket No. <b>112843-031</b>	
Serial No. <b>09/936,543</b>	 <b>January 7, 2002</b>	Examiner <b>D. Ware</b>		Group Art Unit <b>1651</b>	
<b>Invention: LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING DIARRHOEA</b>					
<u><b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b></u>					
<p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	<b>CLAIMS REMAINING</b> <b>AFTER AMENDMENT</b>	<b>HIGHEST #</b> <b>PREV. PAID FOR</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b> <b>CLAIMS PRESENT</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL FEE</b>
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>22</b> -	<b>23</b> =	<b>0</b>	<b>x \$18.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>INDEP. CLAIMS</b>	<b>6</b> -	<b>6</b> =	<b>0</b>	<b>x \$86.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>02-1818</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p>					
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